

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, "Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The Board has begun to adapt its rules because of requests from nontraditionally prepared applicants. In a review of Board rules for out-of-state applicants and the application process for nontraditionally prepared applicants, several changes that needed to be made were identified, including the proposed amendment to rule 282—13.17(272). This amendment changes the duration of the exchange license from two years to one year and changes the type of preparation programs that will be accepted.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at a public hearing that will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 282—13.17(272) as follows:

282—13.17(272) Specific requirements for exchange licenses. An applicant seeking Iowa licensure who completes the teacher preparation program from a recognized non-Iowa institution shall verify the requirements of subrules 13.18(4) and 13.18(5) through traditional course-based preparation program and transcript review. A recognized non-Iowa teacher preparation institution is one that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located.

13.17(1) ~~Two-year~~ One-year teacher exchange license.

a. A ~~two-year~~ one-year nonrenewable exchange license may be issued to an applicant under the following conditions:

(1) The applicant has completed a state-approved, regionally accredited teacher education program; and

(2) The applicant has the recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized non-Iowa institution where the preparation was completed; and

~~(2)~~ (3) The applicant holds and submits a copy of a valid regular certificate or license in the state in which the preparation was completed, exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate; and

~~(3)~~ ~~The applicant is not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in any state or country; and~~

~~(4)~~ ~~The applicant complies with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees; and~~

~~(5)~~ (4) If the applicant has fewer than three years of teaching experience or is being recommended for a K-6 elementary education endorsement, the applicant must verify successful completion of mandated tests in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed; and

~~b. (5) Authorization.~~ Each exchange license shall be limited to the area(s) and level(s) of instruction as determined by an analysis of the application, the transcripts and the license or certificate held in the state in which the basic preparation for licensure was completed or of the application and the credential evaluation report. The applicant must have completed at least 50 percent of the endorsement requirements through a two- or four-year institution in order for the endorsement to be included on the exchange license; and

(6) The applicant is not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in any state or country; and

(7) The applicant complies with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees.

~~e. b. Conversion.~~ After the term of the exchange license has expired, the applicant may apply to be fully licensed if the applicant has completed all requirements and is eligible for full licensure.

13.17(2) and 13.17(3) No change.